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(*b*) whether his report was published by the Government ;

(*c*) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, why it was not published ;

(*d*) what amount was spent on that investigation ;

(*e*) what all works were undertaken by the Government on the recommendations in that report ;

(*f*) whether in that report any suggestions were made to make Pampa River more navigable ;

(*g*) whether they are aware that river Pampa has the heaviest river traffic in Travancore ; and

(*h*) whether they are aware that river traffic is less expensive than land traffic ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

(*d*) Rs. 11,408-12-3.

(*e*) Several works were taken up of which the following are a few :—

(1) Reconstruction of Pennar thodu lock.
(2) Kuttapuzha scheme.
(3) Alleppey-Changanacherry canal.
(4) Maintenance of main rivers.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes.

Midwifery and child-welfare centres.

491. ***MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of rural Midwifery and child-welfare centres in the State at present ;

(*b*) the number of candidates under Midwifery and nursing training now ; and

(*c*) whether the number now trained, is adequate to meet the need of the whole State ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) 36.

(*b*) Midwifery 40, Nursing 33.

(*c*) No. Classes for the training of nurses and midwives are being continued.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know from the honourable member the number of pakuthies served by each midwifery centre ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I have no information, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know from the honourable member the area for which one centre is functioning ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : There is no definite rule about that. We are starting as many centres as possible, priority being given to places where there are no midwives or hospitals.

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